WE CLAIM

1   1.   A method for tracking messages delivered via a short message service (SMS) comprising
2   the steps of:

3   receiving, at a gateway, a message destined for a mobile device;

4   assigning a unique identifier to the received message;

5   recording the received message and unique identifier in a database; and

6   forwarding the received message from the gateway to the mobile device,

7   wherein the forwarded message sent from the gateway to the mobile device includes an
8   origination address, the origination address being derived from the unique identifier.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the forwarding step includes the step of sending the
2   message to a short message service center (SMSC).

           3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the sender of the message received at the gateway
       communicates with the gateway via the Internet

           4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the gateway is an Internet Gateway identified by a
       domain name, the domain name being included in the origination address of the message sent from the
       gateway to the mobile device.

           5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the origination address of the message sent from the
       gateway to the mobile device includes the unique identifier.

           6.   The method of claim 1, including the further steps of:

                       receiving, at the gateway, a reply to the message from the mobile device;

3   correlating the reply to the sent message; and

4   recording the correlated reply in the database.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the destination address of the reply sent to the gateway is
2   the origination address of the forwarded message.

1   8.   The method of claim 6, including the further step of the user accessing the message and
2   reply recorded in the database.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, wherein the message and reply are accessed using a web browser.

1   10.   A system for recording a plurality of messages sent from a first communication device

2   connected to a first network to a second communication device connected to a second network, the

3   system comprising:

4   a database and a gateway, the database connected to the gateway and the gateway

5   connected to the first and second network, the gateway including a microprocessor which is programmed

6   to:

7   receive each of the plurality of messages from the first communication device destined

8   for the second communication device,

9   assign a unique identifier to the message,

10 record the message and unique identifier in the database, and

11   forward the message to the second communication device connected to the second

12 network,

13   wherein the origination address of the forwarded message is derived from the unique

14 identifier.

1   11.   The system of claim 10, wherein the first network is the Internet and the second network

2   is the short message service (SMS) network.

1   12.   The system of claim 10, wherein the first communication device is a personal computer

2   and the second communication device is a mobile device.

1   13.   The system of claim 10, wherein the first communication device communicates with the

2   gateway via the Internet using a web browser, the gateway being programmed to retrieve certain recorded

3   messages and respective replies stored in the database in response to prompting by the first

4   communication device.

1   14.   The system of claim 13, wherein, the first communication device displays the retrieved

2   messages and respective replies.

15.   The system of claim 10, wherein the second network is a short message service (SMS)

network and the gateway is connected to a short message service center (SMSC).

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